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PATENT APPLIÇATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q53854

Yukio NAKAJIMA

Appln. No.: 09/269,972

Group Art Unit: 2764

Confirmation No.: 1844

Examiner: Eduardo Garcia-OTERO

Filed: April 08, 1999

For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND

STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 10, 2002 to November 12, 2002, since November 10, 2002 is a Sunday and November 11, 2002 is a Federal Holiday.

A check for the statutory fee of \$920.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to

Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A 'duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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